WHEREAS, The livestock industry has played an important role in shaping the history of South Dakota. The first settlers brought cartle, hogs, sheep, and chickens to provide sustenance. Livestock were also used as a source of farm power and a means of transportation; and,

WHEREAS, Livestock production in our State has evolved from a humble beginning to a very significant and efficient industry. Cash receipts in the 1920's from the sales of livestock, poultry and their products totalled approximately 130 million dollars annually; in the 1970's annual sales approximate 1.3 billion dollars -- a tenfold increase; and,

WHEREAS, South Dakota is one of the leading livestock States, ranking among the top ten in the production of beef, pork, and lamb; and,

WHEREAS, Teachers, scientists and extension personnel representing the land grant college and university system through classroom teaching, research, and extension education have assisted producers in achieving levels of food and fiber production in the United States unequaled anywhere else in the world:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 1-7, 1977, as

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in South Dakota, and urge all citizens of this State to recognize livestock producers, allied businesses and others who contribute to Animal Agriculture in South Dakota, During Animal Agriculture Week, on May 6, the new Animal Science Complex at South Dakota State University will be dedicated. In so doing those who have contributed so much to the growth and development of the livestock industry will be recognized. We wish also to salute those who are presently involved, and challenge the SDSU Animal Science staff to use the facility wisely in teaching, developing new technology, and in adapting and sharing information with South Dakota livestock producers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, this 6th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy - Seven

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